

REMARKS

The examiner is thanked for contacting Applicant's representative with suggestions to amend the claims and to file a Terminal Disclaimer.

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars:

1. Amendments and Support for Same

Claims 1, 8, 10, 16, and 20 have been amended to further clarify the features recited therein, and claims 7 and 15 have been cancelled. Particularly, the recitations of M and N in claims 1, 10, and 20 have been further defined, claims 7 and 15 have been cancelled because the claims do not further define the scope of the invention and are redundant, and the channel characteristics in claims 8 and 16 have been further clarified. Further, the recitation of "third" and "fourth" in claim 20 deemed as confusing to the examiner has been amended to "first" and "second", respectively, without changing the scope of the claim.

No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-25 are pending and are respectfully submitted for consideration. Approval and entry of the amendments are respectfully requested.

2. Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

In response to the examiner's suggestion, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to avoid a provisional double patenting rejection of obviousness type over application serial no. 10/674,352 (US 7,203,256), which was incorporated by reference and cited as providing support the previously submitted claim amendments, and over application serial no. 11/681,199, which is a continuation of the application serial no. 10/674,352.

3. Confirmation of personal telephone interviews

Applicant respectfully notes that the substance of this paper encompasses all the subject matter discussed with the examiner in a personal conference on January 10, 2008. Further, Applicant respectfully requests a copy of Interview Summary from the examiner for completeness of Applicant's record.

4. Conclusion

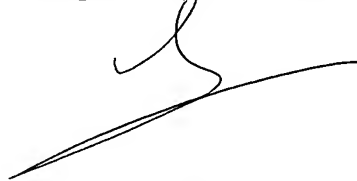
In view of the amendments to the claims, and in further view of the foregoing remarks and the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that claims 1-25 be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's representative, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown.

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